

## CSCI 361: Reading Assignment # 11

Your Name: Nash Carey

Due: Tuesday, Nov 5, in class

Assigned reading for this lecture:

- Sipser Third Edition Chap 5.1

**(Reduction via Computation Histories)** To prove that some properties of the language of CFGs such as  $ALL_{CFG}$  (Is the language of a given CFG contain all strings) and  $EQ_{CFG}$  (do two CFGs have the same language) we need a new reduction technique that uses the computation histories of TMs. Read **Definition 5.5** on Page 221 and the proof of Theorem 5.13 on Page 225.

### Questions:

1. Consider the grammar  $G$  in the proof. If  $M$  does not accept  $w$  then what is its language?

If  $M$  does not accept  $w$  then  $L(G) = \Sigma^*$

2. Why does the PDA alternate between a string that is a TM configuration and a string that is the reverse of TM configuration?

Then  $C_i$  and  $C_{i+1}$  configurations need to be compared.  
With a stack we can compare  $w$  and  $w^R$  but  
cannot compare  $w$  and  $w$ .

The proper configuration for  $C_i$  as  $C_{i+1}$  are

$C_i \# C_i^R$  transition  $\delta$

Then w/ a PDA  $C_i$  and  $C_{i+1}$  can be compared.

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Questions:

1. Consider the grammar  $G$  in the proof. If  $M$  does not accept  $w$  then what is its language?

If  $M$  does not accept  $w$ , its grammar  $G$  would generate all strings that fail to be an accepting computation history for  $M$  on  $w$ . In this case, it would end up being all possible strings over its alphabet.

2. Why does the PDA alternate between a string that is a TM configuration and a string that is the reverse of TM configuration?

The PDA alternates between a string that is a TM configuration and a string that is the reverse of the TM configuration to align the symbol orders whenever we push/pop from the stack, allowing us to compare adjacent configurations correctly.

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### Questions:

1. Consider the grammar  $G$  in the proof. If  $M$  does not accept  $w$  then what is its language?

If  $M$  does not accept  $w$ , then  $L(G) = \Sigma^*$ .

2. Why does the PDA alternate between a string that is a TM configuration and a string that is the reverse of TM configuration?

This allows the PDA to properly compare configurations when pushing/popping them off the stack.

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### Questions:

1. Consider the grammar  $G$  in the proof. If  $M$  does not accept  $w$  then what is its language?

$$L(M) = \emptyset$$

No accepting computation history exists, so all strings must fail somehow

2. Why does the PDA alternate between a string that is a TM configuration and a string that is the reverse of TM configuration?

so that when the strings are popped off the stack, they can be in an order allowing for comparison w/  $C_{in}$

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### Questions:

1. Consider the grammar  $G$  in the proof. If  $M$  does not accept  $w$  then what is its language?

All strings that are not accepting configurations  
computation histories for  $M$  on  $w$ .

2. Why does the PDA alternate between a string that is a TM configuration and a string that is the reverse of TM configuration?

The PDA alternates between a string that is a TM configuration & one that is reversed so that it is in the correct order for comparison between  $C_i$  &  $C_{i+1}$ .

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### Questions:

1. Consider the grammar  $G$  in the proof. If  $M$  does not accept  $w$  then what is its language?

$G$  generates all strings if  $M$  does not accept  $w$

2. Why does the PDA alternate between a string that is a TM configuration and a string that is the reverse of TM configuration?

So that when we pop  $C_i$  off of the stack, we can compare to  $C_{i+1}$

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### Questions:

1. Consider the grammar  $G$  in the proof. If  $M$  does not accept  $w$  then what is its language?

$$L(G) = \Sigma^*$$

2. Why does the PDA alternate between a string that is a TM configuration and a string that is the reverse of TM configuration?

The way a stack works - LIFO -  
So need  $w - w^R$  -

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### Questions:

1. Consider the grammar  $G$  in the proof. If  $M$  does not accept  $w$  then what is its language?

$L(G)$  → The language generated by  $G$

2. Why does the PDA alternate between a string that is a TM configuration and a string that is the reverse of TM configuration?

This is so that it is able to push a configuration so that when it is popped, the order is suitable for comparison w/ the next string.



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### Questions:

1. Consider the grammar  $G$  in the proof. If  $M$  does not accept  $w$  then what is its language?

$G$  constructs all non-valid history of computations.  $G$  must generate the entirety of  $\Sigma^*$ .

2. Why does the PDA alternate between a string that is a TM configuration and a string that is the reverse of TM configuration?

This is because the PDA employs a stack structure. What comes in first comes out last.

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### Questions:

1. Consider the grammar  $G$  in the proof. If  $M$  does not accept  $w$  then what is its language?

$$L(G) = \{ \epsilon^* \}$$

2. Why does the PDA alternate between a string that is a TM configuration and a string that is the reverse of TM configuration?

$\Rightarrow$  Makes it easier for comparison.  
(suitable)